



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/377,667  
Applicant(s): Hiromu MUKAI  
For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE  
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**AMENDMENT**

The following Amendment is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2005, which provided for a shortened statutory response period ending July 29, 2005.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated April 29, 2005, for one additional month to August 29, 2005, is being filed concurrently.

Application No. 09/377,667  
Amendment dated August 29, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of April 29, 2005

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: